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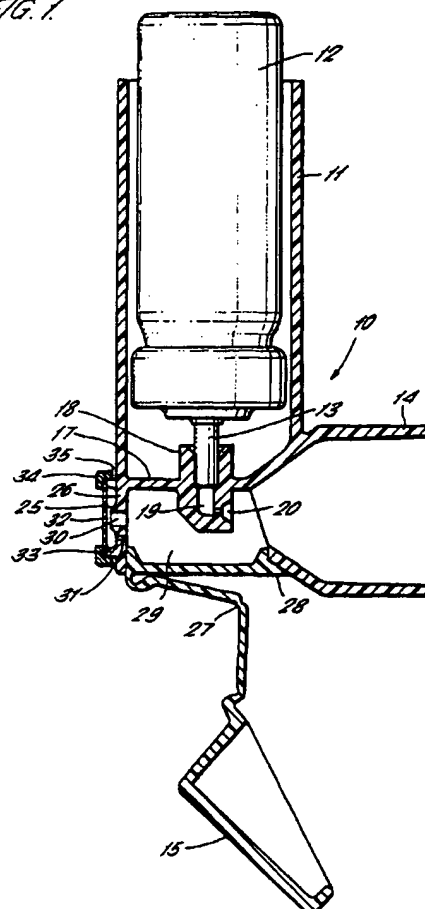
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(54) Controlled flow inhalers

(57) The invention relates to an inhaler for products such as medicaments, and particularly to an inhaler for transferring to a patient at a controlled air flow a metered dose of a medicament contained in a pressurised dispensing container.

An inhaler is provided for dispensing a product comprising a housing adapted to receive a pressurised dispensing container, a mouthpiece, duct means connecting an outlet of the container with the mouthpiece and air inlet means having at least one air inlet for allowing air into the inhaler when a user applies suction to the mouthpiece. The air inlet means further comprises an air flow controller having a component which is movable due to a pressure change when suction is applied to the mouthpiece, the resulting movement effecting a change in the flow of air through the air inlet.

FIG. 1



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